

Owensboro Youth Hockey Association

PLAY UP – DUAL ROSTER – BORROW

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OVERVIEW

Owensboro Youth Hockey Association (OYHA) has defined a play up, dual roster, and borrowing player policies based on the governing entities of USA Hockey and Midam.

USA Hockey and Midam's Age Classifications are divisions: 8U, 10U, 12U, 14U, 16U, High School.

USA Hockey and Midam base the age classifications/divisions by birth year, not age. Midam has stated that players can only play up, dual roster, or be borrowed one birth year up. See Step Two, Does my player qualify? for an example.

PLAY UP

Play up is defined by a player playing up one USA Hockey Age Classification based on their birth year.

Play up is considered upon the request of a player and parent/guardian to the OYHA Board. Read this entire document to know the risks, if your player qualifies, what OYHA considers, and to understand the process. Please see below for the USA Hockey age classifications

DUAL ROSTER

Dual roster is defined by a player playing for their primary team at their age classification per USA Hockey and for the team one USA Hockey age classification up. The player's primary team is their first responsibility.

Dual Rostering is considered upon the request of a player and parent to their primary head coach and OYHA Board. The player's primary team is of their age classification per USA Hockey. The primary team is the team they will pay full dues for and are required to practice/play all games. Please see below for the USA Hockey age classifications

BORROW

Borrowing a player is defined by a player playing for their primary team at their age classification per USA Hockey and *when needed* for the one birth year classification up. The player's primary team is their first responsibility.

Borrowing a player is considered upon the request of a secondary coach to a player's primary head coach and the OYHA Board. The player's primary team is of their age classification per USA Hockey. The primary team is the team they will pay full dues for and are required to practice/play all games. Please see below for the USA Hockey age classifications

The play up, dual roster, or borrowing player guidelines are in accordance with these governing bodies. USA Hockey sets the guidelines for "Age Classifications". Any discrepancies between this document and Mid Am policy, Mid Am ruling stands.



2023-24 SEASON AGE CLASSIFICATIONS

USA Hockey Playing Season: September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2024

YOUTH TEAMS

DATE OF BIRTH	AGE CATEGORY	AGE DIVISION
2005	18 Years	18 & Under
2006	17 Years	18 & Under
2007	16 Years	16 & Under
2008	15 Years	16 & Under
2009	14 Years	14 & Under
2010	13 Years	14 & Under
2011	12 Years	12 & Under
2012	11 Years	12 & Under
2013	10 Years	10 & Under
2014	9 Years	10 & Under
2015	8 Years	8 & Under
2016	7 Years	8 & Under
2017	6 Years	6 & Under

GIRLS TEAMS

DATE OF BIRTH	AGE CATEGORY	AGE DIVISION
2004	19 Years	19 & Under
2005	18 Years	19 & Under
2006	17 Years	19 & Under
2007	16 Years	16 & Under
2008	15 Years	16 & Under
2009	14 Years	14 & Under
2010	13 Years	14 & Under
2011	12 Years	12 & Under
2012	11 Years	12 & Under
2013	10 Years	10 & Under
2014	9 Years	10 & Under
2015	8 Years	8 & Under
2016	7 Years	8 & Under
2017	6 Years	6 & Under

OYHA Policy

STEP ONE: Know the RISKS

There is an increased risk of injury for players participating outside of their designated age classification. OYHA travel teams play all over the USA, which means they play against different talent everywhere they go. Playing up on a team that plays locally in Kentucky is very different from playing up on a team that travels to more prominent hockey towns. You should carefully consider the increased risks involved and follow the guidelines below when making a request to move a player into an older age classification. Lastly, does it put your player in jeopardy for later play in High School?

- Upon a request, the player's parent(s)/guardian must sign a specific Risk Acknowledgement and Liability Waiver, attached at the end of this document, acknowledging the risks associated with playing outside of a player's proper age classification.
- Allowing players to move from a non-checking division to a checking division represents the greatest risk and will only be granted under rare circumstances.

STEP TWO: Does my player qualify?

A player is not permitted to play up, dual roster, or be borrowed more than one birth year. This will apply at 8U, 10U, 12U, and 14U levels for travel requests only.

- 2023-2024 Season Example#1: A10U birth year 2013 request for approval to play up, dual roster, or a coach asks them to be a borrowed player at the 12U level. Following the appropriate guidelines for play up, dual roster, or borrowing a player this request could be granted.
- 2023-2024 Season Example #2: A10U birth year 2014 request for approval to play up, dual roster, or a coach asks them to be a borrowed player at the 12U level. Following the appropriate guidelines for play up, dual roster, or borrowing a player this request could NOT be granted because they would be trying to move up two birth years.

STEP THREE: Know what the OYHA Board will be considering.

- In the event of early travel tryouts (i.e. those structured with more than one opportunity to make the team), only 8U play up or dual roster player requests to 10U will be allowed to tryout with the play up/dual rostered team. All other play up/dual roster requests will be conducted during the second tryout in order for the association to know the full implications of that player moving.
- The President and Board designated evaluation committee will evaluate each request and forward a recommendation to the OYHA Board.
 - Criteria for allowing players to play up, dual roster, or be a borrowed player will be based on the evaluation of the player's skill and ability to contribute to the older team as well as the player's maturity level compared to the older team's players. Eligibility is also based on numbers and overall the good of the association.
 - The evaluation committee will not include a parent/guardian, sibling or other person, legally or otherwise, related to the player. The evaluation committee will not include coaches of the teams that are losing or gaining the player though they may be consulted.
 - The player, requesting to move up, should be projected to be among the top players on the move up team. If the player is not projected to be one of the top players on the team, then it is highly questionable whether the move up is truly in the best interest of that player.
- The OYHA Board will make the final decision on allowing a player to play-up, dual roster, or be borrowed based on the recommendations from the President and the Board designated evaluation committee. The decision will be final.
 - Please note that a decision to allow a player to play-up or dual roster does not guarantee a player a position on the roster of the move up team. A decision to allow a player to play-up or dual roster only affords that player the opportunity to play-up/dual roster should the move up team elect to roster said player.

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- The OYHA Board specifically reserves the right to reverse any decision allowing a player to play-up, dual roster, or be borrowed at any time. If a player that has moved up is experiencing difficulty, as determined by the OYHA Board and/or the player's coach, the board may reverse the decision that allowed the player to play up, dual roster, or be borrowed.
 - In this case, every attempt will be made to place the player on a similar level team within the player's proper age classification. There are no guarantees that the player will be placed on another team. Parent/guardians and players should carefully consider this outcome prior to making a request to play-up.
- House League
 - In rare circumstances due to numbers, it may be necessary to consolidate divisions at the House level in order to create enough teams for a league. If and when that occurs, the division will carry the name of the oldest age group and those players that are part of the younger age group will be required to fill out a request. This will be done solely to acknowledge the risk of playing with older players and the criteria for players to be "projected to be among the top players" will be excluded. Note: High School Freshman that fall outside USA Hockey Age classifications can move up without a request.
- Non-competition Play Up
 - Non-competition play up (i.e., practice) requires the approval of the play-up team's head coach and player's parents/guardians agreeing to and submitting the Policy Risk Acknowledgment and Liability Waiver. The player practicing up is required to practice with the birth year team.
- League Play
 - Dual Rostered and Borrowed players will have to play with their correct age classification per the leagues rules and regulations.

STEP FOUR: Know the process.

- Fill out the appropriate paperwork. Each form is attached to this document below.
 - Play-Up
 - Request Form
 - Risk Acknowledgment & Liability Waiver
 - Dual Roster
 - Request Form
 - Risk Acknowledgment & Liability Waiver
 - Borrowing a Player
 - Request Form
 - Risk Acknowledgment & Liability Waiver
- Only written requests submitted to the Coach in Chief of OYHA by the player's parents or legal guardians will be considered.
- Deadlines for play up and dual rostering, borrowing a player are TWO WEEKS prior to the first tryout date.
 - Borrowing a player may come up within the season. All paperwork will still have to be filled out and turned in.

PLAY UP

Play up is defined by a player playing up one USA Hockey age classification.

Play up is considered upon the request of a player and parent/guardian to the OYHA Board. Read this entire Play Up – Dual Roster – Borrow document to know the risks, if your player qualifies, what OYHA considers, and to understand the process. Please see the second page of this document for the USA Hockey age classification by birth year.

Per USA Hockey and Midam a player is not permitted to play up more than one birth year up.

Steps to Play Up

1. Parent/guardian or Player complete the written request below and turn into the OYHA Board
2. Complete the Risk Acknowledgment and Liability Waiver

****Failure to complete these steps and follow the appropriate paths to obtaining Play Up status will terminate this request and the player will only be eligible to be rostered on the correct birth year team.**

Owensboro Youth Hockey Play Up Request

Player information form to be filled out and turned in with written request

Player Information

Date: _____

Full Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: () - _____ Birth Date: / /

Play Up Team: (Circle One) Travel 8U Travel 10U Travel 12U
 Travel 14U Travel 16U High school (Team Coach: _____)

USA Hockey Age Classification: (Circle One) Travel 8U Travel 10U Travel 12U
 Travel 14U Travel 16U (Team Coach: _____)

USAH #: _____

In the space provided below, complete the player's written request to play up one birth year division per USA Hockey Age Classification.

By signing below you have read and fully understand the Play Up – Dual Roster – Borrow Policy and understand that the OYHA reserves the right to reverse any decision made for the betterment of the player and OYHA as a whole.

Player Signature

Date

1. Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

2. Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

DUAL ROSTER

Dual Rostering is considered upon the request of a player and parent to their primary head coach and OYHA Board. The player's primary team is of their age classification per USA Hockey. The primary team is the team they will pay full dues for and are required to practice/play all games. Please see the first page of this document for the USA Hockey age classifications.

Per USA Hockey and Midam a player is not permitted to dual roster more than one birth year up.

Steps to Dual Roster

1. Written request to Primary Team Head Coach made by player and parent.
 - a. If at the request of the secondary rostered coach a written request is required from that coach with reasoning behind the dual roster. At no time should the Secondary Coach approach the parent or player without the written request authorized by the Primary Coach.
2. Upon authorization by the Primary Team Head Coach, all parties need to complete the Dual Roster Request. All parties include, Primary Head Coach, Secondary Team Head Coach, Player, and Parent.
3. Once the Dual Roster Request is completed and approved all parties guiding the player, Primary Team Head Coach, Secondary Team Head Coach, and Parent need to communicate regularly about the players overall health and what the weekly schedule includes for the player.

****Failure to complete these steps and follow the appropriate paths to obtaining Dual Roster status will terminate this request and the player will only be rostered on the Primary Team.**

Owensboro Youth Hockey Dual Roster Request

Player Information

Date: _____

Full Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: () - _____ Birth Date: / /

Primary Team: (Circle One) Travel 8U Travel 10U Travel 12U
Travel 14U Travel 16U (Team Coach: _____)

Secondary Team: (Circle One) Travel 8U Travel 10U Travel 12U
Travel 14U Travel 16U High School (Team Coach: _____)

USA Hockey Age Classification: _____ USAH #: _____

Rules for Dual Rostering

1. Player's first commitment is to their Primary Team. Primary Team is their age-specific team per USA Hockey.
2. Fees paid in full to the Primary Team.
3. The player's responsibilities are first with their Primary Team.
 - a. Secondary Coach must ask permission, in writing, from the Primary Team Coach for player to join practice and each game/tournament.
 - i. Practices - Primary Team Practices surpass Secondary Team Practices.
 - ii. Games and Tournaments – Primary Team Games and Tournaments Secondary Team games and Tournaments.
 - b. Fundraisers – Primary Team Fundraisers surpass Secondary Team Fundraisers
 - i. Upon fulfillment of Primary Team fees player may work with secondary team on fundraisers to help pay for their fees. If both teams' fees paid in full, the Primary Team fundraisers are first again.
4. If a Player or Parent choose to drop roster from their Primary Team the Player also drops roster from the Secondary Team.
5. At any time, the Player and/or Parent can drop roster from the Secondary Team and still maintain their position on the Primary Team.
6. No Refunds will be given for a player choosing to drop a Primary Team or to a Player who is terminated.

In the space provided below, complete the player's written request to play up one birth year division per USA Hockey Age Classification.

By signing below you are in agreement and will follow the rules for Dual Rostering. At any moment a rule is broken from this request by any party involved, the player will be dropped down to the Primary Team roster. Also by signing below you have read and fully understand the Play Up – Dual Roster – Borrow Policy and understand that the OYHA reserves the right to reverse any decision made for the betterment of the player and OYHA as a whole.

Player Signature

Date

Primary Coaches Signature

Date

1. Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Secondary Coaches Signature

Date

2. Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

BORROWING A PLAYER

Borrowing a player is considered upon the request of a secondary coach to a players primary head coach and OYHA the OYHA Board. The player's primary team is of their age classification per USA Hockey. The primary team is the team they will pay full dues for and are required to practice/play all games. Please see the first page of this document for the USA Hockey age classifications.

Per USA Hockey and Midam a player is not permitted to be borrowed more than one birth year up.

Steps to Dual Roster

1. Written request to Primary Team Head Coach and OYHA made by the Secondary Team Head Coach.
2. Upon authorization by the Primary Team Head Coach, player and parent/guardian need to complete the Borrow Player Request. All parties include, Primary Head Coach, Secondary Team Head Coach, Player, and Parent.
3. Once the Borrow Player Request is completed and approved by the OYHA Board all parties guiding the player, Primary Team Head Coach, Secondary Team Head Coach, and Parent/Guardian need to communicate regularly about the players overall health and what the weekly schedule includes for the player.
4. Risk Acknowledgement and Liability Waiver completed.

****Failure to complete these steps and follow the appropriate paths to borrow a player will terminate this request and the player will only be rostered on the Primary Team.**

Owensboro Youth Hockey Borrow Player Request

Request to be completed upon conclusion of the written request for dual roster and authorization of the Primary Head Coach.

Player Information

Date: _____

Full Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: () - _____ Birth Date: / /

Primary Team: (Circle One) Travel 8U Travel 10U Travel 12U
Travel 14U Travel 16U (Team Coach: _____)

Secondary Team: (Circle One) Travel 8U Travel 10U Travel 12U
Travel 14U Travel 16U (Team Coach: _____)

USA Hockey Age Classification: _____ USAH #: _____

Rules for Borrowing a Player

1. Player's first commitment is to their Primary Team. Primary Team is their birth year-specific team per USA Hockey.
2. Fees paid in full to the Primary Team.
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 - a. Secondary Coach must ask permission, in writing, from the Primary Team Coach for player to join practice and each game/tournament.
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8. At any time, the Player and/or Parent can drop roster from the Secondary Team and still maintain their position on the Primary Team.
9. No Refunds will be given for a player choosing to drop a Primary Team or to a Player who is terminated.

By signing below you are in agreeance and will follow the rules for borrowing a player. At any moment a rule is broken from this request by any party involved, the player will be dropped down to the Primary Team roster. Also, by signing below you have read and fully understand the Play Up – Dual Roster – Borrow Policy and understand that the OYHA reserves the right to reverse any decision made for the betterment of the player and OYHA as a whole.

Player Signature

Date

Primary Coaches Signature

Date

1. Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Secondary Coaches Signature

Date

2. Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Owensboro Youth Hockey Association
Risk Acknowledgment and Liability Waiver
Play Up – Dual Roster – Borrow

Print Name of Participant: _____

Birth date: _____

Desired Play Up – Dual Roster -- Borrow Age Classification/Team: _____

I/We _____, parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of _____

request that he/she be permitted to Play Up – Dual Roster -- Borrow to the next age division as defined by USA Hockey.

I have read and understand the Owensboro Youth Hockey Association(OYHA) Participant Play Up – Dual Roster – Borrow Policy and agree to all the terms, conditions and eligibility requirements that apply.

I understand that a request does not guarantee the ability to make a team and understand that even if a player makes an older age classification/team, OYHA reserves the right to reverse that decision for any reason at any time.

I assume the risk that if the player is not chosen for the play up team or is subsequently removed from the team; he/she is potentially forfeiting the ability to play on a travel team for the current age division.

I understand that the OYHA recommends that players stay in the age groupings defined by USA Hockey and stipulated in the USA Hockey Annual Guide as appropriate for their birth year.

I understand and appreciate that in playing up, dual rostering, or being borrowed, the risk of injury may be greater and that the risk of injury from hockey is significant, including the potential for permanent paralysis and death, and while particular rules and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious injury does exist.

By my child participating, I KNOWINGLY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, both known and unknown. Further, I agree to indemnify and hold Owensboro Youth Hockey Association, its officers, coaches, managers, and members, Mid-Am Hockey and USA Hockey, Inc., harmless from any and all liability, loss, expense, attorney's fees, or claims for injury or damages caused as a result of my request. I understand and agree to accept these conditions of participation.

Participant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (print): _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (print): _____ Date: _____

Approved 4/26/2023